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SUBJECT: ROLE OF VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES IN ELECTIONS EXPLAINED

1. IN NATIONWIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS DECEMBER 3 FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CSE) IN CARACAS, MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL GUSTAVO PARDI DAVILA AND THE OTHER TOP OFFICERS OF THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY, APPEARING TOGETHER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CSE, EXPLAINED THE ROLE OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9.

THE MILITARY OFFICERS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE

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PEACEABLY, AND PLEDGED THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD RESPECT THE

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS AS PROCLAIMED BY THE CSE. THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND NATIONAL GUARD FOR GUARDING THE VOTING PLACES BEFORE AND DURING THE VOTING WERE DELINEATED, AND THE TASK OF THE AIR FORCE IN FLYING THE ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE INTERIOR TO CARACAS WAS EXPLAINED. THE OFFICERS PROCLAIMED THAT THE ARMED FORCES ARE PROUD TO MAKE THIS MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNCTIONING OF VENEZUELAN DEMOCRACY. GENERAL PARDI DECLARED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION SHOULD BE RECEIVED "WITH ENTHUSIASM AND FAITH."

2. GENERAL PARDI ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER THE TELEVISION PROGRAM THAT VENEZUELA'S BORDERS WOULD BE CLOSED AT 1800 HOURS ON DECEMBER 8 (PRESUMABLY UNTIL THE POLLS CLOSE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 9). HE ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT "INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC" (PRESUMABLY AIR) WOULD CONTINUE, BUT ON A REDUCED SCALE. HOWEVER, CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO SUSPEND ANY DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC. WE WILL ADVISE IF ANY SUCH SUSPENSION IS ANNOUNCED.

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